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COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED TO 120 MONTHS ON FIREARM AND DRUG CHARGES

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- Broderick Centelle Green, age 32, of Columbia, South Carolina, was sentenced today to 120 months (10 years) imprisonment, which will be followed by eight (8) years supervised release. United States District Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr. imposed the sentence today after Green's earlier guilty plea to charges of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition and to possession with intent to distribute 28 grams or more of crack cocaine and a quantity of cocaine.

Evidence presented at the earlier guilty plea hearing established that on December 8, 2010, deputies with the Richland County Sheriff's Office executed a drug search warrant at a residence on Varn Street. Deputies located Green in a van outside the residence and retrieved a black bag containing over 73 of crack cocaine and over 50 grams of cocaine, which Green had thrown from the van as deputies approached. When deputies asked Green

to exit his van, they observed a loaded Taurus .45 caliber handgun in his waistband. A further search of Green's van revealed a loaded Mossberg .410 gauge shotgun, a small amount of marijuana, over \$5,000 in cash.

Green is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms and/or ammunition based upon his prior state felony convictions. Green has prior state court convictions for possession of crack cocaine, possession of cocaine (two separate counts), receiving stolen goods, failure to stop for blue light (two separate counts), possession of cocaine 2nd offense, driving under suspension, and possession of marijuana.

The case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state and local Project CeaseFire initiative, which aggressively prosecutes firearm cases. Assistant United States Attorney Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the prosecution of the case.

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